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1. ON JANUARY 15 MINISTER OF STATE AHMAD ABDU SAID CONFIRMED WHAT I HAD EARLIER BEEN TOLD BY ABDULLAH AL-ASNAJ (SEE REFTEL) CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE SAUDI/YEMENI JOINT AIRLINE VENTURE. SAID SAID THAT THE YEMENI GOVERNMENT HAS RATIFIED THE AGREEMENT AND IS PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT IT ONCE THE SAUDI CABINET ALSO COMPLETES ITS RATIFICATION PROCEDURES. IN THIS REGARD, HE NOTED THAT HE IS ALSO PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO RIYADH WHENEVER NECESSARY FOR THE FORMAL SIGNING CEREMONY.

2. SAID CONTINUED THAT THE YEMENIS ARE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER THE SAUDIS DECIDE CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE AIR COMPANY AND ESPECIALLY CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE JOINT VENTURE. HE STATED THAT THE YEMENIS PREFER THAT AN AMERICAN COMPANY BE AWARDED THE CONTRACT BUT STRESSED THAT THE FINAL DECISION IS UP TO THE SAUDIS. I ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY TRUTH TO THE RUMOR GOING AROUND SANA THAT BRITANNIA USING LOCAL
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CONTACTS IS BEING GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD BY YARG.SAID REPLIED STRONGLY IN THE NEGATIVE REITERATING THAT THE FINAL DECISION ABOUT THE CONTRACT WILL BE TAKEN BY THE SAUDIS AND URGING THAT ANY AMERICAN COMPANY INTERESTED IN THE CONTRACT SHOULD CONTACT THE SAUDIS DIRECTLY, PARTICULARLY RIZA HAKIM.

3. I ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK SAID IF THE RECENT

DEPARTURE OF JAGHMAN FROM THE CABINET WAS IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE FUTURE OF YEMEN AIRWAYS. SAID AGAIN REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE, STATING THAT JAGHMAN WAS REMOVED FOR "CORRUPTION" RESULTING FROM HIS DEALINGS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSMEN. HE CONTINUED THAT THE YEMEN AIRWAYS CONTRACT WAS IN NO WAY INVOLVED AND NEITHER WERE ALLEGATIONS OF COLLUSION BETWEEN JAGHMAN AND WORLD AIRWAYS. SAID EMPHASIZED THAT THE YARG IS ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF WORLD AIRWAYS AND WOULD BE PLEASED INDEED IF WORLD AIRWAYS WERE CHOSEN BY THE SAUDIS TO TAKE ON THE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT. HE OBSERVED THAT THE YEMENIS, HOWEVER, WILL MAKE NO FORMAL RECOMMENDATION IN THIS REGARD LEST THE SAUDIS GET THE IMPRESSION THAT THE YEMENIS HAVE ULTIMIOR MOTIVES FOR PUSHING ONE COMPANY OVER ANOTHER.

3. COMMENT: AS WE HAVE NOTED IN THE PAST, IF WORLD AIRWAYS IS INTERESTED IN THE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH YEMEN AIRWAYS IT SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND CONTACT THE SAUDIS DIRECTLY, AND SOON. RECOMMEND THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION BE PASSED TO WORLD AIRWAYS.
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